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(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To improve resolution in recording information by making a ratio between a high reflectance and a low reflectance in accordance with light transmittance change of a transmittance change layer a prescribed value or above.

SOLUTION: This disk is constituted of a transparent substrate 11, a first dielectric protective layer 12, the transmittance change layer 13, a second dielectric protective layer 14, a reflection layer 15 and a third dielectric protective layer 16. For changing the reflectance of an optical disk, the thickness of the protective layer 12 formed by ZnS-SiO2 is changed. Then, when the thickness is made 65nm or below, in the reflectance of the optical disk, the ratio between the high reflectance when Ge2Sb2Te5 forming the change layer 13 is in a crystal state and the low reflectance when in a melting state becomes 8 or above, and a bit error becomes 10-5 or below. Since the bit error is required to become 10-5 or below for precise recording/reproducing, precise information reproduction is performed.

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